

*Khadar.*

43. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (a) Do the Government discourage the use of *khadar* by their servants?

(b) If so, do they attach any political significance to *khadar*?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The question does not arise, in view of the answer to part (a).

*Report of the Excise Committee.*

44. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Excise Committee submitted their report, and, if so, what orders were passed on the same?

(b) Will they be pleased to place on the table copies of the report and the proceedings passed thereon?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) The report of the committee has not yet reached the Government.

(b) The suggestion made by the member will be considered on receipt of the report.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When was the Excise Committee formed?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Under the orders issued on the 16th November, 1923.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was there any time-limit for the submission of the report?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What was the time-limit?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Two months.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): May I know whether any extension was granted?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How often?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Extension was granted up to the 20th Edavam. The committee's report is now in circulation, and all the non-official members have not yet signed the report.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was it not the intention of the Government to have received the report in time so as to modify their policy in regard to matters connected with the Excise administration?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government would have very much wished that the Committee's report came in time.